



## **City of Huntsville Recycling Pilot 2010**

# **CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES**

# ***Curbside Recycling Pilot***

## ***Introduction***

City Council approved the Pilot to test curbside recycling in the Elkins Lake area. The results will help determine the manner in which curbside recycling is implemented Citywide.

The Pilot program is scheduled for 6 months. The start date will be January 7, 2010 and will run through the end of June 2010.

# ***Curbside Recycling Pilot Schedule of Events***

- **December 2009** – One cart issued to each residence
- **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – The Recycling Pilot will begin
- **April 2010** – Mail out Surveys
- **May 2010** – Surveys due
- **June 2010** – End of June, Pilot Ends.  
Curbside Recycling collection will continue in the Elkins Lake area.

# **BLUE Recycling Carts**

- One BLUE 48 gallon recycling cart will be issued to each residence in Elkins Lake. The Recycling Pilot will begin January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Please **do not** use or set the BLUE cart at the street's edge until January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- Only acceptable recycling items can be placed inside the BLUE cart.





## **Acceptable Items to be Placed in Your Blue Cart**

- ✓ **Small Cardboard Boxes**
- ✓ **Aluminum Cans**
- ✓ **Newspaper**
- ✓ **Steel Cans**
- ✓ **Office Paper**
- ✓ **Magazines**
- ✓ **Plastics #1 thru #7**



## **Acceptable Items to be Placed in Your Blue Cart**

### **✓ Plastics #1 thru #7**



PETE



HDPE



V



LDPE



PP



PS



OTHER

# YES! Blue Cart

Plastics  
#1 thru #7





## **Unacceptable Items that Cannot be Placed in Your Blue Cart**

The following items are either too bulky, unsuitable for processing or too dangerous for curbside collection:

- **Garbage**
- **Aluminum Foil**
- **Microwaves**
- **Toys**
- **Batteries**
- **Hangers**
- **Electric Toothbrushes**
- **Plastics (other than #1 thru #7)**
- **Cell Phones**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Large Cardboard**
- **Electronics**
- **GLASS (of ANY kind)**



## **Unacceptable Items that Cannot be Placed in Your Blue Cart**

Although these items can't be placed into your BLUE recycling cart, they can still be dropped off at the **City's Recycling Center** located at 590 I-45 North.

- **Large Cardboard**

- Any cardboard that doesn't fit loosely into your BLUE cart. Large boxes such as moving, refrigerator and TV boxes.

- **GLASS**

- Brown and Clear glass only. NO glass panes.



# **NO!** *Not in the Blue Cart*



# Preparing Items for Recycling



Acceptable recycling items are loosely placed in the BLUE recycling cart



# **Preparing Items for Recycling**

**Plastic Bags** - Please **do not** place recycling items into plastic bags. During processing it is more time consuming to remove them from these bags. If recycling plastic bags, place all plastic bags into one bag and then tie it shut.

**Paper Bags** – These can be used to separate paper items.

\*If recycling shredded paper, it **must** be placed in paper bags. Once bagged, the top of each bag **must** be rolled down to prevent spillage.



# **Preparing Items for Recycling**

**Small cardboard boxes** – Include any small cardboard items that will fit loosely into your Blue cart:

- ▣ Food boxes
- ▣ Pizza Boxes
- ▣ Medicine boxes
- ▣ Shoe boxes
- ▣ Toilet paper rolls
- ▣ Paper towel rolls



# **Preparing Items for Recycling**

**Small cardboard boxes** – Include any small cardboard items that will fit loosely into your Blue cart:



These should be empty and broken down or flattened in order to save space in your BLUE cart.

# **Preparing Items for Recycling**

## **Aluminum cans – Soda cans**



These should be rinsed and then flattened in order to save space in your BLUE cart.

# **Preparing Items for Recycling**

## **Steel cans – Canned foods**



These should be rinsed and the lids must be thrown away before placing them into your BLUE cart. Removing the wrapper is very helpful but not necessary.

# **Preparing Items for Recycling**

- **Office Paper** – White and colored paper
- **Newspaper**
- **Magazines**



These items can be bagged in **PAPER** bags before placing them into the BLUE cart.